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In re Application of

:

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For:

METHOD OF REDUCING A BLOCKING ARTIFACT WHEN

CODING MOVING PICTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-8, 10 and 12-13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of reducing a blocking artifact appearing when coding a moving picture [using a plurality of blocks], comprising the steps of:

[selecting a plurality of pixels positioned around a block boundary; obtaining frequency information for each of the plurality of pixels;

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